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NEW YEAR SEES INDIANA DISASTER ASSISTANCE NEARING \$60 MILLION

INDIANAPOLIS - Federal disaster assistance for Indiana residents affected by the Sept. 12 through Oct. 6 storms and flooding is approaching \$60 million. The assistance is in the form of grants from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA).

To date, almost 26,000 homeowners and renters have applied for disaster assistance.

- \$59,826,440 in grants and loans have been approved for Indiana applicants, which includes:
 - o \$27,167,991 in housing assistance to cover temporary rental assistance, home repairs and replacement.
 - o \$5,545,149 in other needs assistance to cover essential personal property losses, medical, dental, funeral, transportation or other serious disaster-related expenses not covered by insurance.
 - o \$27,113,300 in U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) disaster loans has been approved.
- 17,377 SBA disaster loan applications have been issued to homeowners and business owners.

FEMA coordinates the federal government's role in preparing for, preventing, mitigating the effects of, responding to, and recovering from all domestic disasters, whether natural or man-made, including acts of terror.

Individuals do not need to apply for an SBA loan before they can receive FEMA's temporary housing assistance, which includes rental assistance, home repair and replacement funds, as well as grants for public transportation expenses, medical and dental expenses, and funeral and burial expenses. However, an applicant must complete an SBA loan application to be eligible for FEMA assistance that covers personal property, vehicle repair or replacement, and moving and storage expenses.

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